

**REMARKS**

It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated **March 26, 2003**.

Claims 1 and 5-10 are pending in the application, with claims 2-4 having been canceled.

**Claim Rejections under 35 USC §103**

**Claims 1, 3, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,945,652) in view of Takami (U.S. Patent No. 6,189,782).**

**Claims 4, 7 and 8 is rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohki et al. and Takami et al., and further in view of Tognazzini (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,077) and Yanagi et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,168,078).**

**Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohki et al. as modified by Takami et al., Tognazzini and Yanagi et al., as applied to claim 4 above, and further in view of Albaret (U.S. Patent No. 6,149,058).**

Newly amended claims 1, 9 and 10 recite that the second controller controls the first communicating section (23, 243) so as to read the transaction history information from the storage section (17a) of the card unit (17) and to store the said transaction history information into the save storage section (30), when the card unit (17) is attached to said apparatus while the connection determining section (244) determining that the external apparatus (15) is not connected to said portable-card-unit processing apparatus.

These features of the present invention are not disclosed or taught in the applied prior art of record. By so amending, claims 1, 9 and 10 are placed in condition for allowance. All claims depending thereon, by virtue of inherency, are also placed in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, all pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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